

Montreal, July 26, 2012

Today is the burial of Mr. Jun Lin. The Chinese believes that a deceased person can rest in peace only when the body is buried. We believe that Jun, carrying with him all the blessings from the society, can now rest in peace in his favorite city, the city that he had chosen, Montreal.

In the last 2 months, there were many people in Canada and from around the world who followed this tragedy closely. Jun's parents would like to take this opportunity to thank all of those who have been paying close attention and offering help to them during this more than difficult time.

Especially, they want to thank the Government of Canada, Citizenship and Immigration Canada, the Chinese Embassy of Canada, and the authorities in China who have offered tremendous help in their process of traveling to Canada.

After they arrived in the country, they received tremendous support and sympathy from the federal, provincial and municipal governments, from the Chinese Embassy, the police force, Concordia University and the Chinese Students Association, Notre-Dame-des-Neiges Cemetery, and many associations from the Chinese community, including Canada China Business Council (CCBC), Montreal Chinese Alliance Church, Feng Ye College, Chinese Family Service of Greater Montreal, Sept Days Weekly Newspaper, friends and classmates of Jun Lin, volunteers who have held out in various occasions, and also the many people who has sent their condolences through the Internet.

Last but not least, we want to thank the media for following this event closely. You have helped fellow Canadians learn more about what this family has to go through. You have also helped deliver the sympathy from our fellow Canadians to the family of Jun Lin.

The Lin's family, along with the volunteers present today, would like to extend their deepest gratitude to all of you.

An eulogy from the mother of Jun Lin

Dear friends, we thank you for coming to my son Jun Lin's funeral. It is very difficult to say good-bye to our loved ones, especially for a mother to her child. But I have been waiting for this day to come, because my son can finally rest in peace in this land that he loves.

When he left China and came to Canada to study, he wanted us to say good-bye to him with our smiles. And today, I think it's time to wipe our tears, and see our son go with smiles on our face.

When I first arrived in Canada, my heart was filled with sorrow and anger for my son's life being suddenly deprived.

In the past 2 months, I have been asking the same question: Canada is beautiful, its people are kind, how did this appalling tragedy happen in a peaceful society like this? Back then, I could only use “devil” to describe the alleged murderer.

But later on, when I learned more about this suspect through different news sources, especially about his unfortunate upbringing, I shockingly discovered my other self who has started to develop sympathy for this person described as devil.

It's true. A troubled young person may bring negative impact to the society later on when they grow up. If we can show our care for them and offer them help when it's needed, I think we will be able to sustain a better society with love and harmony.

For this reason, after much consideration, we would like to establish a charity foundation in the name of Jun Lin to help the problematic youth here. We have received a lot of help and care from the people here and we want to return something back to this society, to help the youth in need, to help them find their way back to a loving home.

Jun Lin has lived a short life but I think his spirit can continue through this way.

Jun Lin, I believe you will be happy with my decision. Mommy will stay strong. Rest in peace, my son. Goodbye!